

NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

Environmental Management Committee Terms of Reference

Membership

The Committee comprises six (6) Councillors:

Cr C Brown (Chairman)
Cr J Carr (Deputy Chairman)
Cr B Rossiter
Cr L Hill
Cr P Jensen
Cr J Bain

plus seven (8) appointed members:

Far North District Council	Fiona King
Whangarei District Council	Crichton Christie
Kaipara District Council	Brian McEwing
Cultural Interests	Mike Kake
Environmental Interest Groups	Gerry Brackenbury
Farming Community	Wayne Ward
Department of Conservation	Chris Jenkins
Forest Industry	Andrew Warren

Terms of Membership

Should any member appointed to represent an outside organisation or group be absent without prior leave from two consecutive meetings of the Committee, that person's appointment is automatically terminated.

Should a vacancy occur in the membership of the Committee, the Council Secretary shall report this to the next meeting of the Council for determination as to whether or not the nominating organisation or group is to be invited to nominate a replacement. The Committee has the power to co-opt a person as a member of the Committee to assist with special projects, or it may recommend to the Council that additional members be appointed to the Committee should it consider wider representation would be of assistance in performing its functions.

Members of the Committee representing outside organisations or groups, are expected to regularly report back to their nominating organisation on matters discussed at Committee meetings.

Functions

- 1) To recommend to Council regional policies and plans for the sustainable management of Northland's resources including the Regional Policy Statement, Regional Coastal Plan, Regional Air Quality Plan and other regional plans as required.
- 2) To regularly monitor and review progress towards the implementation and achievement of performance targets and outcomes relative to Resource

Management Planning and Consents compliance in the Northland Community Plan 2006-2016 and the Council's Annual Plan.

- 3) To oversee and provide required decisions and support for the implementation and achievement of performance targets and outcomes relative to the Environmental Monitoring and Maritime group of activities in the Northland Community Plan 2006-2016 and the Council's Annual Plan.
- 4) To regularly monitor and review progress towards the implementation and achievement of performance targets and outcomes relative to the Land Operations group of activities in the Northland Community Plan 2006-2016 and the Council's Annual Plan.
- 5) To provide support and direction and monitor progress towards the implementation and achievement of the Council's objectives and outcomes relating to the public communications and education in the Northland Community Plan 2006-2016 and Council's Annual Plan.
- 6) To advise the Council on any significant legislative changes, programmes, plans or reports relating to the above functions.
- 7) To review and recommend to Council on such other functions as may be delegated from time to time.
- 8) To co-opt a person as a member of the Committee to assist with special projects, or it may recommend to Council that additional members be appointed to the Committee should it consider wider representation would be of assistance in performing its functions.
- 9) To review the performance of the Committee, including a review of its Terms of Reference, every 12 months.

Delegated Authority – Power to Act

- 1) Does not have the powers of Council to act in the following instances as specified by Clause 32 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002:
 - (a) make a rate;
 - (b) make a bylaw;
 - (c) borrow money, or purchase or dispose of assets, other than in accordance with the Long Term Council Community Plan or Annual Plan;
 - (d) adopt a Long Term Council Community Plan, or Annual Plan or Annual Report;
 - (e) appoint a Chief Executive; or
 - (f) adopt policies required to be adopted and consulted on under this Act in association with the Long Term Council Community Plan or developed for the purpose of the Local Governance Statement.
- 2) Does not have the powers of Council to act re:
 - the final approval of plans prepared under the Resource Management Act 1991;
 - the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996;
 - the Land Drainage Act 1908;
 - the Soil Conservation and Rivers Act 1941.
 - the Maritime Transport Act 1994;

- the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002; and
 - the Biosecurity Act 1993 in respect of matters under those Acts that do not permit such delegations.
- 3) Does have the ability to appoint subcommittees to deal with any matters of responsibility within the Committee's Terms of Reference and areas of responsibility, and to make recommendations to the Committee on such matters and provided the subcommittee shall not have power to act other than by a resolution of the committee with specific limitations where there is urgency or special circumstance.
- 4) Does have the ability to make decisions in accordance with the Terms of Reference.

Catchment Management Sub-Committee

Membership

Cr J Carr (Chairman)

Cr C Brown